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SUBJECT:INQUIRY REGARDING CLAUDIUS CHORUS

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM COLONEL RICH, CHIEF OF VASCULAR SURGERY AT WALTER REED ARMY HOSPITAL, ABOUT CREDENTIALS OF DUTCH NATIONAL CLAUDIUS CHORUS. CHORUS, WHO MAKES BUSINESS OUT OF ORGANIZING MEDICAL SYMPOSIA IN EUROPE, IS IN CHARGE OF SECOND INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON VEINOUS DISEASES, TO BE HELD IN MONTREUX, SWITZERLAND IN MARCH 1976. COLONEL RICH HAS BEEN ASKED TO PARTICIPATE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF WALTER REED, BUT UNDERSTANDS THAT ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE ABOUT CHORUS' CREDENTIALS AND SPECIFICALLY ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT CHORUS HAS CRIMINAL RECORD AS A RESULT OF CONVICTION FOR EMBEZZLEMENT. AS COLONEL RICH WOULD PARTICIPATE IN SYMPOSIUM ON OFFICIAL BASIS, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSIES MAY OBTAIN ON LEGITIMACY OF CHORUS OPERATION. KISSINGER

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